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H. S. S. JAPAN,
WHITE SHIRTS,
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THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital \$10,000,000

Reserve Fund \$7,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$10,000,000

Court of Directors:

S. C. MICHAELSON, Esq.—Chairman.

N. J. HELL-IRVING—Deputy Chairman.

C. Beaufain, Esq.

G. D. Bööing, Esq.

R. L. Richardson, Esq.

G. S. Dowell, Esq.

R. Shawen, Esq.

N. A. Stiles, Esq.

D. Gabbay, Esq.

G. G. Slade, Esq.

Chief Manager:

Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

Manager:

Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent,

per Annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 3% per Cent per Annum.

For 6 months, 3½ per Cent per Annum.

For 12 months, 4 per Cent per Annum.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 14th August, 1897.

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HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted

by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rates may be

obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ Per

Cent per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option

balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND

SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED

DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT, per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1897.

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THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE

HOLDERS \$100,000

RESERVE FUND \$375,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT

ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent, per

annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent

" " 6 " 3½ "

" " 3 " 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1897.

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THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,

LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gillies, Esq.

Chau Kit Shan, Esq.

H. Stolteforth, Esq.

Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

J. T. Lauts, Esq.

Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.

Acting Chief Manager,

GEO. MUNRO.

Interest for 12 months fixed, 5 per Cent.

On Current Account, Daily Balances 2 per

Cent per Annum.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1897.

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Intimations.

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HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

for the purpose of receiving the Com-

mittee's Report and Statement of Account for

the past year; electing Committees for ensuing

year, and for the Transaction of General

Business will be held at the CITY HALL on

FRIDAY, the 24th September, at 6 P.M.

DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1897.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

of SHAREHOLDERS in the above

COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S

OFFICES, on SATURDAY, the 25th September,

at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report

of the General Manager, together with a State-

ment of Accounts to 30th June, 1897.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 21st

September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1897.

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CHINA TRADES INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY

MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in

the above Company will be held at the Head

Office, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY,

the 2d October, 1897, at 12 m.

NOON, for the purpose of presenting the Report

and Directors' and Statement of Account for

the year ended 30th June, 1897.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 12th

October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN R. HUMPHREYS,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1897.

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Insurances.

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has long taken the lead in SIMPLIFYING the CONDITIONS and LIBERALISING the CONTRACT OF LIFE ASSURANCE, thereby giving greatly increased Security to the Holders of the Company's Policies.

For full Particulars and Rates, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1897.

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THE MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1854.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000

TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY \$2,480,053

NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA. £1,757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1897.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI

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Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1897.

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1897.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL

PROFESSOR BOSAKOVSKI, who is on a tour round the world, will give the first of a series of two entertainments at the Theatre Royal to-morrow, (Saturday) the 18th September, commencing at 9 P.M.

Under the distinguished patronage of H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, G.C.M.G.

By kind permission of Colonel C. S. Gordon and the Officers of the W.Y.R., the band will perform the following Selections of Music, Under Mr. G. BENTLEY, A.R.C.M.

1.—Overture....."Romantique".....K. A. Bell.
2.—Song....."The Garden of Sleep".....De Laro.
3.—Selection....."Planquette".....
4.—"Les Cloches de Corneille".....

5.—Intermission....."Forget-me-not".....Michel.
6.—Value....."Tarantella".....W.G. Bentley.
7.—Selection....."La Marquise".....Audini.

God Save the Queen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

DRY CIRCLE.....\$1.
STALLS.....\$1.
BACK SEATS.....\$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price to Back Seats.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & CO.'S MUSIC WAREHOUSE.

Late train will 15 minutes after fall of curtain, Hongkong, 17th September, 1897. [1418]

FOR SHANGHAI AND CHINKiang,

THE Steamship

"NANVANG." Captain Tb. Lehmann, will be despatched for the above Ports to-MORROW, the 18th instant, at 4 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 17th September, 1897. [1415]

FOR SHANGHAI.

"LVEEMOON."

Captain G. Heuermann, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 17th September 1897. [1424]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR GENOA AND LONDON, VIA STRAITS AND COLOMBO.

(Taking cargo at through rates for LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"NINGCHOW." Captain W. H. Cross, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd September.

To be shortly followed by S.S. "OOPACK" and "OANFA."

For Freight, &c., apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 17th September, 1897. [1330]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract)

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"MIKE MARU."

Captain J. H. Goig, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 17th September, 1897. [1425]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

JAPAN-BOMBAY LINE.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

(Under Mail Contract)

FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

THE Company's Steamship

"IDZUMI MARU."

Captain R. Nonomi, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 17th September, 1897. [1426]

INTIMATIONS.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY,

HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO.'S WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaint should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1897.

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

BY APPOINTMENT.

WINES & SPIRITS.

WE beg to call attention to our PRICE LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS as below—

As these are all selected and bought first hand by our London House we save any intermediate profits and are thereby enabled to supply the best qualities at Moderate Prices.

PORT.

(For Invalids and General Use).

Per doz. Cases Per Bot.

B VINTAGE, superior quality, Red Capsule.....\$1.40 \$1.30

C FINE OLD VINTAGE, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule.....16.30 1.35

D VERY FINE OLD VINTAGE, extra superior, Violet Capsule (Old Bottled).....20.40 1.70

Per doz. Cases Per Bot.

E SUPERIOR OLD DRY, FAIR NATURAL SHERRY, Red Seal Capsule.....12.00 1.00

F SUPERIOR OLD DRY, FAIR NATURAL SHERRY, White Seal Capsule.....14.40 1.20

G EXTRA SUPERIOR OLD DRY, very fine, quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled).....20.40 1.70

Per doz. Cases Per Bot.

H SUPERIOR PALE DRY, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule.....\$1.80 \$0.90

I MANEAMALA, PALE NATURAL SHERRY, White Capsule.....7.00 0.70

J CHATEAU, PALE SHERRY, Red Capsule.....12.00 1.00

K CHATEAU, PALE SHERRY, Red Capsule.....12.00 1.00

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THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1897.

SEDITION IN INDIA.

AN EDITOR TRANSLATED FOR LIFE.

According to telegraphic advices from Bombay, dated the 31st of August, Kaulaker, the Editor, and Harmaliker, the proprietor of a vernacular paper called *Pratoda*, were charged before Mr. Astor, the Station Judge at Satara, with sedition writing in an article headed "Preparation for Independence," published on 19th May. The assessors, Hidas and Makanmadan, found the article not calculated to cause disaffection. Mr. Astor sentenced the Editor to transportation for life, and the proprietor to seven years' transportation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

THE TAIPINGSHAN MUDDLE.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph." DEAR SIR,—In regard to the Taipingshan Muddle, how long shall we unfortunate taxpayers have to groan over what almost looks like the wilful mismanagement of the Government?

Is it not the case that the loss to the Colony must be put down at the very lowest figure at \$10,000 per month; &c., taking into account the ground rents and rates, &c., which should be coming in if the ground were sold and utilized, and the positive loss in the way of interest on the money paid for the resumption of the land?

I am told by men, who ought to know, that this is so, and yet this is the form of finance which our most wise Attorney-General, and some, at any rate, of his colleagues on the Council, so emphatically approve of. Were business men to attempt to go on such lines, they would soon come to grief; but the course now pursued seems to be characteristic of Government work in the Colony. Look at the loss in interest over the marketable, let for years past, and other equally flagrant cases could be named, and now we see this same state of affairs in course of repetition in the late state of Taipingshan.

However, it's only tax-payers' money, so what reck the Government, and least of all, probably such unskilled amateurs in such matters as the Attorney General and the Harbour Master! Both posed the other day as authorities!

Yours faithfully,

A TAXED ONE.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1897.

AN AMERICAN COMMENT ON JAPAN'S AGGRESSIVENESS.

The San Francisco Chronicle of the 13th ult. contains the following leading article headed "Aggressive Japan":—

The likelihood that some white Power will find itself, before many years have passed, at swords' points with Japan may be judged from the spirit with which that country has pushed into the thick of international events. At first blush it seems extraordinary that Japan should interfere with the United States in a matter like the annexation of Hawaii, the more so because its professed reason is that a policy of "colonial absorption" on our part might inspire England, Germany, France and Russia to follow suit, and thus menace "the interests of Japan." This is high talk from a Power that was in its bow and arrow period less than fifty years ago, and which, but ten years ago, was mainly associated in the foreign mind with lacquered fans and comic opera. We should have expected it as much, a little while back, from China or Islam. But Japan is very serious about its right to make itself felt in the world's diplomacy, and it cannot be denied that a nation of 43,000,000 people, with a modern fleet and army, is, if its motives are really aggressive, a thing to soberly reckon with in framing international policies.

What of those motives? We have had glimpses of them in recent correspondence over Hawaii and there have quite prepared the mind for such explicit admissions as the ones which appear in this extract from a hitherto unnoticed speech delivered by Count Okuma, the present Premier, during the progress of the recent war with China:—

"The European Powers are already showing symptoms of decay, and the next century will see their constitutions shattered and their empires in ruins. Even if this should not quite happen, their resources will have become exhausted in unsuccessful attempts at colonization. Therefore, who is fit to be their proper successors if not ourselves? What nation except Germany, France, Russia, Austria and Italy can put 200,000 men into the field inside of a month? As to intellectual power, the Japanese mind is in every way equal to the European mind. It is true the Japanese are small of stature, but the superiority of the body depends more on its constitution than on its size. If Treaty Revisions were accomplished, and Japan completely victorious over China, we should become one of the chief Powers of the world, and no Power could engage in any movement without first consulting us. Japan could then enter into competition with Europe as the representative of the Oriental races."

There are striking utterances and they supply the key to the present foreign policy of the Empire. Japan is not waiting for a century to pass. She already demands to be heard, or rather "consulted" about the internal and plans of other countries. She has found fault with this Government because that fact was not recognized when the Hawaiian treaty came before the President. "Why was I not informed?" asked Minister Host of Secretary German. So Japan, Japan upon such point that she even complained because the European Courts did not go into mourning at the death of the Empress Dowager. The whole spirit of Japanese diplomacy appears in the mingled boast and threat; Japan is a great Power and must and shall be recognized as such.

There is a distinct menace in this attitude, especially to nations having interests that conflict in any way with those of the Japanese. One of these nations is the United States. In a little while, unless our naval programme is steadily extended and pursued, Japan will emerge as a naval power. She is now having thirty-one warships built, including some 15,000-ton armoured ships, which, added to her present fleet, and the one taken from China, will make her the most formidable rival this country has ever had in the Pacific, excepting Great Britain. With these ships at her command she cannot be ignored—she must be met. Strength must be displayed against strength, otherwise the unprepared side must meet humiliations which a proud people could not endure. The lesson really taught is that our Pacific Coast ports should be rapidly fortified, the Hawaiian Islands included, and a fleet equal to the needs of defence built up. Otherwise, while busy watching the attitudes of Europe, we may be caught napping by an Oriental State, which, to reward us in prestige, is visibly anxious to dictate terms to a great Caucasian Power—and would naturally pick on the one least prepared to defend her authority.

THE DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the fourteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the Company, on Saturday, the 25th day of September, at noon:—

The General Managers have now to submit to the shareholders their report on the fourteenth year's working of the Company, ended 30th June 1897. After paying all racing expenses, Premium of Insurance, Remuneration to Consulting Committee, and Auditors' fees, the net profit of the year amounts to \$101,540.30 out of which sum an Interim dividend of \$40,000 was paid in March last, leaving a balance at the credit of profit and loss account on the 30th June, 1897, of \$15,540.30 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To write off \$10,637.75 from the book values of the Company's properties on 30th June last (less the amount of the Reserve Fund), being the equivalent of 8 per cent. thereon, to pay a final dividend of 8 per cent., which will absorb a further \$10,000.00, and to transfer the balance of \$15,540.30 to the reserve fund.

It will be observed from the accounts that the items in connection with the failure of our late Amoy agents have now been adjusted; we were relieved, but fear there is now no chance of it.

The materials for the new ship arrived some time ago, but, in consequence of the continued delay in the completion of the foresters' Recrimination, it will be some months yet before the erection of it can be proceeded with.

The ship has been maintained in its usual state of efficiency and continues to command the confidence of shippers.

In conclusion we may mention that the amounts appearing as freight due and accounts receivable on 30th June, have since been collected.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

Since the last meeting Mr. D. R. Saundson has resigned his seat on the Board, and Mr. D. Gubay has been invited to fill it. The Committee now consists of the Hon. J. Bell-Irving, and Messrs. A. Rous, C. A. Tomes and D. Gubay.

In terms of the Articles of Association all these gentlemen retire, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

DOUGLAS L.-PAKAI & CO., General Managers.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH JUNE, 1897.

	Liabilities.
Capital Account:	
20,000 shares at \$50	\$1,000,000.00
Reserve fund.....	101,731.50
Underwriting account of the company.....	50,984.50
Sundry accounts payable.....	59,200.22
Unpaid dividends.....	138.00
Unpaid bonus (account 1896).....	153,540.30
	\$1,161,667.61
Assets:	
Value of the Co.'s Steamers: <i>Hawke</i> , <i>Hawking Nymph</i> , <i>Thales</i> , <i>Formosa</i> and <i>Halmus</i>	\$41,500.00
Value of buoys and moorings at Swatow, Amoy, Tamsui and Hongkong, Steam Launch & sundry spare gear.....	5,778.51
Material for new whale at Hongkong.....	35,162.75
Linen on mortgage, The H. & S. Banking Corporation (Deposit and Interest Account).....	136,987.98
Value of stock in trade, Freight due 30th June, 1897.....	85,148.24
Sundry acc'ts, receivable from Agencies, &c.....	80,233.74
Cash in hand.....	641.19
	\$1,161,667.61

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1897.

To Remuneration to General Managers for Office expenses, for 12 months.....	\$10,000.00
Remuneration to Consulting Committee for 12 months.....	2,000.00
Auditors' fees.....	600.00
Exchange account.....	2,134.32
Charges do.....	338.99
Total Amoy Agents (amount written off).....	5,197.01
Interim dividend for 6 months ended 31st December, 1896.....	40,000.00
Balance.....	153,540.30
	\$13,588.71

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1897.

To profit on running company's steamers to date.....	\$194,018.04
Profit on coal supplied to steamers.....	4,175.68
Interest on deposit account.....	8,727.65
do. on monies on account.....	5,353.44
Bonuses received.....	1,400.50
	\$215,299.67

WE HAVE COMPARED THE ABOVE STATEMENT WITH THE BOOKS AND VOUCHERS OF THE COMPANY, AND HAVE FOUND THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.

JAMES H. COX & W. H. GASKELL, Auditors.
Hongkong, 13th September, 1897.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the Company, on Saturday, the 25th day of September, at noon:—

The General Managers have now to submit to the shareholders their report on the fourteenth year's working of the Company, ended 30th June 1897. After paying all racing expenses, Premium of Insurance, Remuneration to Consulting Committee, and Auditors' fees, the net profit of the year amounts to \$101,540.30 out of which sum an Interim dividend of \$40,000 was paid in March last, leaving a balance at the credit of profit and loss account on the 30th June, 1897, of \$15,540.30 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To write off \$10,637.75 from the book values of the Company's properties on 30th June last (less the amount of the Reserve Fund), being the equivalent of 8 per cent. thereon, to pay a final dividend of 8 per cent., which will absorb a further \$10,000.00, and to transfer the balance of \$15,540.30 to the reserve fund.

C. BRUHMANN,
Chairman.

Steinmann, G. D. Boing, J. Thembur, and A. J. Raymond accepted invitations from the Directors to fill the vacancies, and their appointment will be submitted for the confirmation of shareholders.

Messrs. St. C. Michelsen and A. J. Raymond retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election.

C. BRUHMANN,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 17th September, 1897.

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The Nippon Yusen Kalsha's steamer *Yamato Maru*, Capt. J. Jones, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour this morning. For the subsequent telegrams we are indebted to our colonial exchanges:—

Sydney, 18th September, 1897.
Recent rains in New South Wales have been followed by bitterly cold winds and heavy falls of snow.

The New South Wales and other delegates are opposed to the adjournment of the Federal Convention to permit of Queensland being represented, as suggested by the Victorians.

BRISBANE, September 18th.

The preparation of a report of the further investigation into the affairs and past management of the Queensland National Bank is now being arranged.

The Customs collections at Brisbane in the month of August show a decrease of £10,185 as compared with August of last year.

The reports of the conference of railway commissioners on the question of uniform railway gauge in New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, on the main lines, in favour of the 4 ft. 8 1/2 in. gauge, at a cost of £1,300,000.

The Sydney team of footballers has defeated a team of eighteen representing the Union of Chartist Towers by 44 to 7 points.

Messrs. Jules Jouhet, H. Saunders, and P. Dugrand were yesterday arrested on a warrant charging them with conspiracy in connection with the issue of certain Exhibition awards.

Mr. J. C. Heusler, M.L.C., who has been appointed to the commercial agency of Queensland established in Germany, leaves to-day for Europe.

The body of a man, name unknown, has been found drowned in the river at Bundaberg. A young man named David Ross has been found drowned in the corporation baths at Townsville. It is supposed that he had a fit while bathing.

Sydney, 18th September, 1897.

